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## *Clarksburg Resident Indicted By A Federal Grand Jury*

MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA — A 38 year old Clarksburg, West Virginia, resident was named in an Indictment returned on May 16, 2007, by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

United States Attorney Sharon L. Potter announced that KEIR MICHAEL LENNON was named in a two-count Indictment. Count One of the Indictment alleges that LENNON, who was convicted of annoying/molesting children under the age of 18 in the State of California on July 28, 1988, knowingly failed to register and update a registration as a sex offender as required by the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act when he resided and was employed in the State of West Virginia in August 2006. Count Two of the Indictment alleges that LENNON knowingly possessed marijuana with the intent to distribute on February 23, 2007.

If convicted, LENNON faces a maximum exposure of 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000 on Count One of the Indictment and a maximum exposure of five years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000 on Count Two of the Indictment.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Zelda E. Wesley. The case was investigated by the Harrison/Lewis County Drug & Violent Crime Task Force and the United States Marshals Service. The Task Force consists of officers from the Clarksburg Police Department, the Harrison County Sheriff's Department, the Bridgeport Police Department, the Lewis County Sheriff's Department, and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

It should be noted that the charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations and not evidence of guilt, and that each defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov/](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov/).

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